

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, and 6 are amended.

Information Disclosure Statements were filed on December 14, 2005 and concurrently with this Amendment. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements and return initialed Forms PTO-1449.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative at the December 8, 2005 personal interview. Applicants' record of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Applicants also appreciate the allowance of claims 4-5.

Claims 1-3 and 6-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ohgawara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,365,357). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to independent claim 1, Ohgawara fails to disclose a liquid crystal display with color filters shaped so that individual dots include a light-transmitting area having a color filter and a light-transmitting area having no color filter. With regard to independent claim 6, Ohgawara fails to disclose a liquid crystal display having at least one color filter shaped so that light is permitted to pass through a dot without passing through the color filter. As shown in Figs. 3 and 4, light passing through the Ohgawara device must pass through color filter 3.

It is respectfully submitted that the features of independent claims 1 and 6 are, at minimum, supported in the specification at page 51, lines 4-21, and at Figs. 32(a)-32(d).

As discussed at the personal interview, amended claim 4 remains allowed, subject to further consideration by the Examiner. A similar amendment is made to claim 1, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is likewise allowable.

With regard to claim 7, Ohgawara fails to disclose a color filter that continuously extends beyond the area of each of the plurality of dots. As shown in Ohgawara at Figs. 1-3, each color filter 23 is spaced apart without continuously extending beyond the area of a dot.

Applicants respectfully submit that the features of claim 7 are, at minimum, support by the specification at page 56, lines 19-30, and page 58, lines 18-30, and at Figs. 38a-38c and 41a-41b.

In view of the foregoing, Ohgawara fails to disclose all of the features recited in the independent claims, as well as the additional features recited in the dependent claims thereof. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Steven W. Allis
Registration No. 50,532

JAO:SWA/jam

Attachment:
PTO Form-1449 (December 14, 2005)

Date: January 18, 2006

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

<p>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p>
